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About four thousand years after the world was made, JESUS CHRIST, the Savior of mankind, was born in the city of Bethlehem. As the city was at that time full of people, there was no room in any of the houses for the parents of the Savior, and they had to take up their abode in a stable. Here, in a manger, the Redeemer was born!

Herod, who was then king, was afraid CHRIST would take his throne from him, and he resolved, therefore, to destroy him while he was yet but a babe.

But Joseph, the father of the child, was told by an angel to take the child and his mother

and go down to Egypt, lest Herod should kill him. And they went, and staid there till Herod died.

But the wicked king did not know that they were gone, and he determined that the child should not escape. So he gave orders to kill all the children in Bethlehem who were not two

years old. This cruel order was obeyed, and all the poor little children slain; but JESUS was safe in the land of Egypt.

When the Savior had grown up to manhood, he began to do a great deal of good in the world. He healed the sick, the lame, and the blind, and raised the dead to life. He also told the Jews of

all their wickedness; and for this reason they hated him and resolved to kill him.

CHRIST had twelve disciples, and one of them, named Judas, was hired by the Jews to betray him. When JESUS sat down to eat the Feast of the Passover with his disciples, he told them that one of their number would

betray him. This, said he, is the last supper that we shall eat together. He then went out to the Mount of Olives to pray. While he was there, some armed men came to take him. Then Judas went up and kissed him. This was the sign by which he was to let them know which was JESUS.

The soldiers then seized Jesus and took him before Pontius Pilate, then governor of Judea But Pilate could find no wrong in him. However, the Jews insisted that he should be put to death; and they mocked and scoffed him, and spit upon him.

Finally, Pilate yielded to their wishes, and the Savior was led

out to be crucified. When nailed upon the cross, he prayed for all his enemies and then died. Two thieves were also crucified with him.

Thus died our divine Savior. He died to save us from punishment for our sins, and to secure our eternal happiness. Thanks be to thee, gracious Redeemer, forever and ever!

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